

STOCKTON GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB - Host Kaz Maseba has recently become the proud master of a fully automatic irrigation system. The system is Rain-bird using 1200 No. 5 Stop-A-Matic heads spaced at 60 feet. It was installed by a contractor during April, May and June. The water supply is pumped from the river by four fifty horse power centrifugal pumps and one 15 horse power turbine delivering a total of 1800 gallons per minute. Kaz can cover the entire golf course in 9 hours--a real contrast from the antiquated system he replaced.

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MAKE NO EXCUSES by Kaz Maseba

Almost every time Golf Course Superintendents get together the question is asked "What is the Association doing for us? What are we doing for the Association?" The logical answer to these questions are "TOO GET INVOLVED" and you will find out.

The other popular subject for discussion is the issue of the minorities and discrimination.

I believe my experience should dispel this over exaggerated myth.

I am of Japanese ancestry and know and remember the acts of discrimination against me and my relatives during World War II. My experiences would fill a book, but my point can be made by citing only a few of the most vivid ones.

On December 7, 1941 Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and in March 1942 I was drafted into the U. S. Army. Later my mother, brothers and sisters were, along with all Japanese, placed in a concentration camp. Because Japanese were not allowed in the Western Defense Command I was separated from my relation and did not see them for two years. Even though Japanese were harassed by the saying "A good Jap is a dead Jap". We still served the only country we knew.

Two all Japanese battalions were formed. First the 100th battalion (the Ka-tonks) consisting of Hawaiian born Japanese and later the 442nd battalion (the Buda-heads) from the mainland of USA. These two battalions became the most decorated outfits in World War II. Why? Because we had a desire to prove ourselves. This experience and determination set the stage for greater things. I know that I would not have the position as a golf course superintendent if I had not had these experiences and not realized my potential and the opportunities available to anyone who has a genuine desire to succeed. Success is within reach of anyone if one is willing to reach for it and cast away the idea that because of race you are stymied.

My point is, that through this Association, things can be accom-

plished where as individuals all the talking and hoping someone else will do it for you will get us nowhere. My advice to you is to become involved and enjoy the success which has come to me.

Kaz Maseba

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A Conference Preview ...

45th International Turfgrass Conference and Show

February 10 - 15, 1974 Anaheim, California

GCSAA Golf Tournament - Thursday and Friday, Feb. 7 and 8. This year, the tournament will be played on two separate courses, Yorba Linda Country Club and Mile Square Golf Course, challenging your golf and giving you an opportunity to tour two facilities.

Conference Registration - Will open Sunday, Feb. 10. The Anaheim Convention Center will be the site of registration, while the Disneyland Hotel has been selected as the headquarters hotel and will be the site of many other activities.

Host Chapter Event - Monday evening, Feb. 11. Be Welcomed to the Conference and aboard HMS Queen Mary by members of the Southern California GCSA Chapter. Transportation will be provided.

Educational Program - Monday thru Thursday, Feb 11-14. A host of renowned speakers will offer new insights into both new and old areas. The six programs will be in the Anaheim Convention Center.

Annual Meeting and Election - Wednesday, Feb. 13. A full business agenda and the election of GCSAA's President, Vice President, Directors.

Banquet and Dance - Thursday evening, Feb. 14. A gala dinner and dance at the Disneyland Hotel will be highlighted by the entertainment of vocalist Gordon MacRae, marimbaist Mora Gray and comedian Berl Williams.

Industrial Show - Tuesday thru Thursday, Feb. 12-14. Opening to gentlemen only, 100,000 square feet of space in the North Exhibition Hall of the Anaheim Convention Center is expected to be filled by the nation's leading firms involved in the turfgrass industry.

Ladies' Program - Will open Sunday, Feb. 10. A Hospitality Center for the ladies will be operated in the Disneyland Hotel during the entire Conference. While the men are opening the Show Tuesday, the ladies will be enjoying a day-long tour which will include breakfast at the Universal Sheraton Hotel and an extensive tour of the Universal Studios.

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"Stubbornness does have its helpful features. You always know what you are going to be thinking tomorrow" Glen Beaman